

**I CLAIM:**

1. An apparatus for removably securing a sports net to a supporting frame, said apparatus comprising:
  - a flexible cord to removably secure a sports net to a supporting frame by wrapping the cord around a supporting frame and through a sports net; and
  - a fastener having:
    - (a) a central portion attached at a central section of the cord; and
    - (b) at least one wing extending from the central portion of the fastener adjacent to the central section of the cord, said wing removably securing the cord after it has been wrapped around a supporting frame and through a sports nets.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cord further comprises opposing ends attached to the perimeter of a sports net.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cord further comprises at least one loop at an end of the cord that is removably secured by the fastener.
4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cord is elastic.
5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the fastener comprises a substantially tubular central portion secured at a central location on the cord, and opposing wings extending from the central portion.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the wing has a curved cross-section to substantially match the radius of the cord.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the wing further comprises a notch to retain the cord between the wing and the central section of the cord.

8. An apparatus for removably securing a sports net to a supporting frame, said apparatus comprising:

a flexible cord to removably secure a sports net to a supporting frame by wrapping the cord around a supporting frame and through a sports net, said cord having loops at both ends of the cord; and

a fastener having:

(a) a central portion attached at a central section of the cord; and

(b) at least one wing extending from the central portion of the fastener adjacent to the central section of the cord, said wing removably securing the loops of the cord about the fastener after the cord has been wrapped around a supporting frame and through a sports nets by holding the loops between the wing and the central section of the cord.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the cord is elastic.

10. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the fastener comprises a substantially tubular central portion secured at a central location on the cord, and opposing wings extending from the central portion.

11. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the wing has a curved cross-section to substantially match the radius of the cord.

12. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein at least one wing further comprises a notch to retain the cord between the wing and the central section of the cord.

13. A sports net assembly for removable attachment to a supporting frame, said sports net assembly comprising:

a sports net having a perimeter;

a flexible cord having ends secured to the sports net; and

5 a fastener having:

(a) a central portion attached at a central section of the cord; and

10 (b) at least one wing extending from the central portion of the fastener adjacent to the central section of the cord, said wing removably securing the cord after it has been wrapped around a supporting frame by holding the sports net between the wing and the central section of the cord.

14. The sports net assembly of claim 13 wherein the cord is elastic.

15. The sports net assembly of claim 13 wherein the fastener comprises a substantially tubular central portion secured at a central location on the cord, and opposing wings extending from the central portion.

16. The sports net assembly of claim 13 wherein the wing has a curved cross-section to substantially match the radius of the cord.

17. The sports net assembly of claim 13 wherein at least one wing further comprises a notch to retain the perimeter of the sports net between the wing and the central section of the cord.